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At the Court at St. James's, April 19.

PRESENT,

The Queen's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

THIS Day the moſt Noble William Marquis of Annandale, was, by Her Majeſty's Command, Sworn one of the Lords of Her Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy-Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

Florence, April 7. N. S. On the 3d Inſtant the Grenadier-Galley came into Leghorn, and adviſeth, that the Lyon, a Ship of ſixty Guns, the Severn of forty, and the Lime of thirty, being detach'd from Sir John Norris's Squadron, engag'd on the firſt of this Month off Cape delle Melle with four French Men of War of ſixty Guns each, one of them being Commanded by Captain de l'Aigle. After a very ſharp Engagement the French made the beſt of their way for the Coaſt of Genoa, and were chaſed by the Britiſh Ships, who being diſabled in their Rigging could not overtake them; but the Exeter, a freſh Ship, coming up, engag'd the Pembroke, who made a running Fight 'till ſhe got into the Port of Spezza. A Knight of Malta, Captain of the Pembroke, was kill'd in the Action, and Captain Walpole, Commander of the Lyon, was wounded. The Ship commanded by the Sieur de l'Aigle put into Leghorn, and is ſince ſailed for Toulon, in order to refit, being very much ſhatter'd, and having loſt moſt of her Men in the Action; as have likewiſe the other French Ships that were in Company with her. On the 6th two Dutch Runners arrived at Leghorn in three Days from Barcelona. They left Sir John Jennings's Fleet there, conſiſting of ſeven Britiſh and ſix Dutch Men of War, with the Tranſports.

Tournay, April 27. N. S. On Thurſday the 23d Inſtant, his Grace the Duke of Marlborough left the Hague, and embark'd that Evening on Board a Yacht at Streyn as, order'd thither to carry him forward to Ghent, where his Grace arriv'd the 25th at Night, and yeſterday about three in the Afternoon came to this Place, where he was Complimented by the Count de Tilly, the Earl of Albermarle, and other General Officers, who are Quarter'd with the Troops in the Neighbourhood. His Grace deſigns to ſtay there 'till they can all be aſſembled together at their Rendezvous at Orchies, which will be the 29th Inſtant, when he intends to join the Army; for the preſent Subſiſtance of which all our Frontier Towns are plentifully furniſhed with Forage and other Proviſions. Advices from the Enemy's Frontiers ſay, the Mareſchal de Villars came the 24th Inſtant to Peronne, and the next Day to Arras, where he has given Orders for drawing together the Army he is to Command.

Bruſſels, April 27. N. S. His Grace the Duke of Marlborough arriv'd at Ghent on Saturday Night, and proceeded yeſterday at ſix in the Morning towards Tournay. The Confederate Army will be entirely aſſembled near Orchies by the time appointed, and will extend to Pont a Vendin on the Right, with St. Amand on the Left. The Allies have ſix hundred thouſand Rations of Forage at Douay, as much at Liſle, and the like quantity at Tournay; from the two laſt of which Places they are removing it in Boats to Douay. The French Troops garriſoned in Conde came out with a Deſign to ſet Fire to ſome of thoſe Boats; but timely Care was taken to prevent them, and we have poſted a ſufficient number of Troops in ſuch Places as lay the moſt expos'd, for the better Security of their Paſſage for the future. Upon Advice, that the Forces of the Allies were in full March towards the Frontier, the Mareſchal de Villars ſet out from Paris with great diligence on the 21ſt, and arriv'd the 23d at Peronne, where a Council of War was held, ſince which the Troops have been commanded to leave their Garriſons, and accordingly thoſe that were quarter'd at Valenciennes march'd out with great Precipitation on the 25th at Night. Our Letters from Paris adviſe, that the French have been forced to abandon Calaf, and ſeveral other advanc'd Poſts they were in Poſſeſſion of in Catalonia. They add, that Lieutenant-General Stanhope, and the other Engliſh Generals, have been exchang'd againſt an equal number of Neapolitan Officers in the Service of the Duke of Anjou. The Prince of Savoy having been to confer with the Elector of Mayence, is expected at the Hague to Morrow.

Hague, April 28. N. S. The Baron de Hohendorf, Adjutant-General to the Prince of Savoy, arriv'd here the 26th Inſtant, with the melancholy Account of the Emperor's Death. The Prince left Vienna the 14th, and was come almoſt as far as Nurenburgh in his way hither, when the Expreſs overtook him; ſince that he has been to viſit ſeveral Poſts on the Rhine, and is expected here to Morrow, or the Day following. An Expreſs arriv'd likewiſe yeſterday in the Morning from my Lord Peterborough, being ſent from Vienna the 18th, at which time his Lordſhip ſet out from thence for Italy. The States General have reſolv'd to ſupport his Catholick Majeſty's Intereſt at the enſuing Election of an Emperor; and have accordingly writ to the Electors, and exhorted 'em to a Concurrence, and to proceed to an Election as ſoon as poſſible. They have likewiſe preſſed the ſeveral Princes of the Empire to ſtrengthen their Union at this Conjuncture, and exert themſelves to the utmoſt in behalf of the Common Cauſe; and this Evening the Count de Zinzendorf ſent a Meſſenger to Barcelona, with Diſpatches to the King of Spain, acquainting his Majeſty with theſe Proceedings. Mr. Chetwynd, the Queen of Great Britain's Envoy-Extraordinary to the Duke of Savoy, ſet out the 23d for Turin. Since which Mr. Whitworth, Ambaſſador-Extraordinary from her Majeſty to the Czar of Muſcovy, arriv'd here from England, and propoſeth to proceed on his Journey in five or ſix Days time. Our Letters from Genoa adviſe, that the Fleet under the Command of Sir John Norris wou'd be ready to Sail from Vado the 20th Inſtant.

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